GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:123
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2001
ISI ACTIVITIES ON BANGLADESH AND BHUTAN BORDERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISI threat is increasing on the border with Bangladesh and Bhutan particularly on the Assam and West Bengal borders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether training camps of ISI have come up in the bordering areas of Bangladesh: and

(d) if so, the remedial measures taken to counter ISI activities in these areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.123 FOR 27.11.2001 REGARDIN ACTIVITIES ON BANGLADESH AND BHUTAN BORDERS.

(a)to(c): The Government has reports that the Pak ISI has been helping the North East militants/terrorists in purchase and transportation of arms consignments from abroad to the North Eastern Region.The reports also indicate that the Pak ISI is providing financial assistance to the North Eastern militants besides motivating misguided youths for training across the border. According to available information, there are camps in some of our neighbouring countries including Bangladesh and Bhutan, which are being used by North East militant groups as safe havens and sanctuaries and for training purposes.

(d): To neutralise the activities of the Pak ISI Government have adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening the border management, gearing up of intelligence machinery, well coordinated intelligence-based actin against ISI agents and militants sponsored by them, setting up of out posts of security forces and modernisation and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc. Steps taken in this regard have resulted in detection/neutralisation of various Pak ISI backed modules.The Government of India has also taken up the matter relating to the camps of anti-India militants with the Governments of neighbouring countries. These Governments have assured that they would not allow undesirable elements to use their territory for activities prejudicial to the interests of India.